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## FUND FOR RELIEF OF VICTIMS GROWING

New York Citizens Prompt to Respond to Mayor's Appeal for Aid, and About \$15,000 Is Soon Ready for Committee's Use.

CHECKS FROM ROGERS, SCHIFF AND FISHER & CO.

Two Boys Who Had Saved 85 Cents for Fourth of July Were Among the First to Contribute to the Fund—Contribution List.

### GOV. ODELL OFFERS AID TO VICTIMS OF SLOCUM DISASTER.

ALBANY, June 17.  
Hon. George B. McClellan, Mayor, New York: The suggestion in yesterday afternoon's papers that you intend to take some official action in reference to extending aid to those who have been so deeply stricken by the terrible catastrophe at Hell Gate leads me to ask if there is anything I can do either officially or personally to assist you in the great calamity which has come to the citizens of New York to arouse sympathy and a desire to aid those who have the control and disposition of such measures as may be thought best under the circumstances.  
B. H. ODELL, Governor.

The response to Mayor McClellan's appeal for aid for the families of those who died in the Slocum horror was prompt and gratifying. Before the first meeting of the committee named by the Mayor was held in the Mayor's office at noon to-day \$7,378.60 had been collected, and offers of assistance were pouring in from every hand. Before night the sum had reached \$15,000. Mayor McClellan added the names of the following to his committee: Isaac Seligman, Eugene A. Philbin, Julius Harburger, John Crane, Louis C. Raegener and Hubert A. H.

At the suggestion of the committee, the following appeal was issued by Mayor McClellan:

Office of the Mayor,  
City of New York, June 17, 1904.

An appeal is hereby made to the citizens of this city to render any aid in their power to the victims of the Gen. Slocum disaster.

The active interest so far manifested encourages the committee to hope that there will be a generous response to the necessities caused by this calamity.

Checks should be drawn to the order of Jacob H. Schiff, treasurer, and sent to him at No. 52 William street.

GEORGE B. MCCLELLAN

Theatrical firms offered benefits, business firms offered provisions and charitable societies volunteered the services of members in any way to alleviate the suffering of those whose families were desolated.

### CONTRIBUTIONS FROM YOUNG PATRIOTS.

One of the first contributions received came through the mail with a letter written in a schoolboy hand and signed "W. B. Boyce, Jr." It contained 85 cents in silver—60 cents that the writer had been saving for the Fourth of July and 25 cents that his little brother had saved for the same purpose. Following this contribution came a messenger from Henry H. Rogers with a \$1,000 bill.

Two other contributions of \$1,000 each followed, one from Jacob H. Schiff; the other from R. C. Fisher & Co., owners of the marble works opposite the point where the Slocum was beached. Members of the Fisher firm saw the whole disaster from their office, and have personal knowledge of the overpowering horror of it.

Assistant Corporation Counsel Breckenridge has been detailed by the Mayor to take charge of the city's part in raising the relief fund. He will devote his whole time to this task. Many of the city officials have already made substantial contributions, the Mayor leading off with a \$100 bill.

### ALL AGREED TO SERVE.

Acceptances were received by the Mayor from each of the gentlemen he asked to serve on the committee of relief. Following is the membership of the committee:

Morris K. Jesup, Jacob H. Schiff, Herman Ridder, Charles D. Dickey, Robert A. Van Courtlandt, Erskine Hewitt, Joseph C. Hendrix, Thomas Mulry, George Ehret, John Fox, John Weinacht, and H. B. Schermann.

On the suggestion of Mr. Schiff, the members of the committee were requested to meet at the City Hall at noon for the purpose of organizing. Mayor McClellan presided at the meeting.

Herman Ridder presided as chairman of the committee; Banker Jacob H. Schiff being elected treasurer, and Capt. Breckenridge, Assistant Corporation Counsel, secretary to the committee. Mayor McClellan attended the session and advised with the committee relative to the means and methods for raising the needed fund for the victims of the Gen. Slocum disaster.

### FUND SWELLED RAPIDLY.

While the committee was in session messengers arrived one after another bearing letters containing checks and money contributions to the fund. These were all addressed to the Mayor, who was kept busy opening the envelopes and passing money and checks to Secretary Breckenridge. In one hour the fund had thus swelled from the six thousand dollar mark reported at noon to nearly ten thousand dollars.

Mayor McClellan urged that immediate help be extended to those most

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## CHILD VICTIMS OF THE GENERAL SLOCUM ARE GREATER THAN BOTH WOMEN AND MEN.

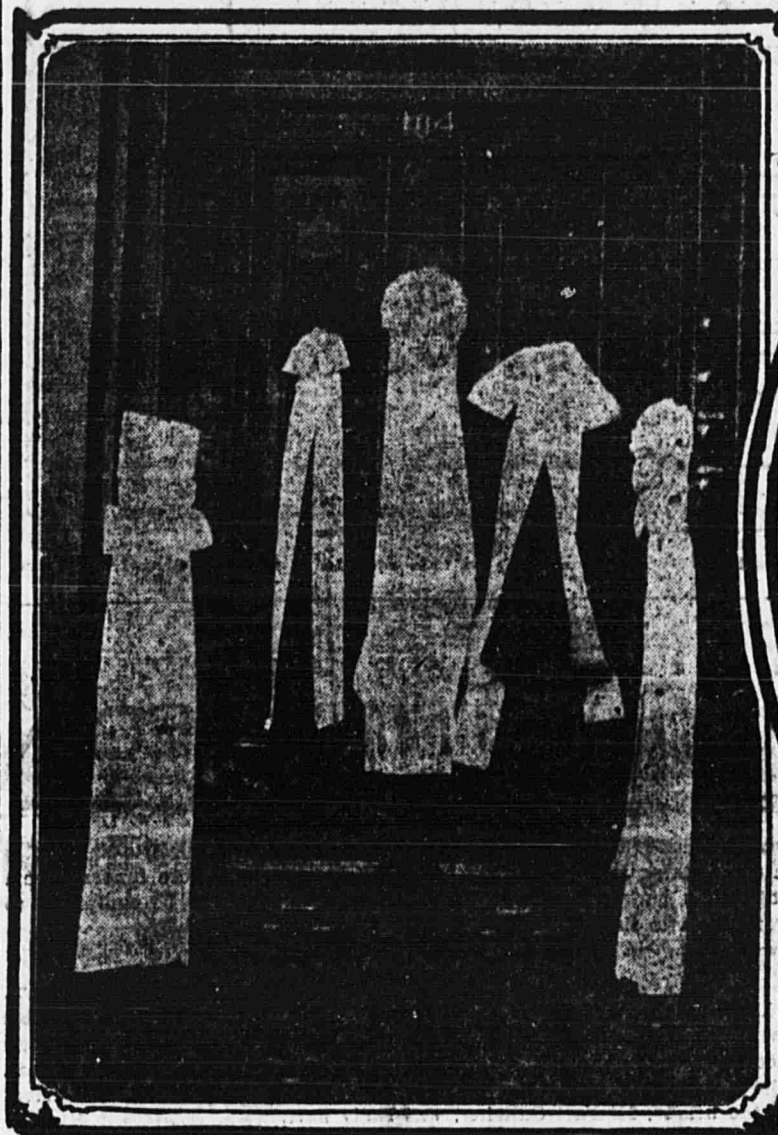
CHILDREN, 273; WOMEN, 243; MEN, 23.

HERE'S THE PITY OF THE HORROR! THESE FIGURES MAKE YOUR HEART SWELL UP INTO YOUR THROAT AND BRING THE TEARS.

MORE LITTLE CHILDREN MET DEATH THAN WOMEN AND MEN TOGETHER. TEN TIMES MORE WOMEN WERE KILLED THAN MEN.

OF THE 539 DEAD BODIES COUNTED ONLY 23 WERE THOSE OF MEN. BUT IT IS THE LONG AND STILL GROWING LIST OF THE LITTLE CHILDREN WHICH APPALS. THEN THE LIST OF THE MOTHERS.

## MUTE STORY OF A HOUSE OF DEATH; SCENE IN THE STRICKEN CHURCH.



SIGNS OF MOURNING AT NO. 104 FIRST AVENUE.

## FUNERALS OF VICTIMS OF DISASTER BEGIN

Ten Policemen Guard Each Cortège, Which Is Followed by Thousands of Mourners and Sympathizers—Many Burials by Electric Light To-Night.

The first of the hundreds of funeral cortèges which will pass through the east side to the Twenty-third street ferry and thence to the Lutheran Cemetery at Middle Village, L. I., in the next few days left the home of James Bell, at No. 242 Fifth street, at 1.30 o'clock this afternoon carrying the body of nineteen-year-old Agnes Bell. A great crowd followed the hearse and three carriages to the ferry, and of these hundreds there were few whose faces were not streaked with tears.

The funeral services were brief and simple, conducted by the Rev. E. Kraebling, one of the great number of Lutheran pastors who have volunteered their services in behalf of the bereaved families.

When the young girl's body was carried out to the hearse in its white casket the entire street was blocked with people, and the ten policemen detailed to accompany the funeral procession to the ferry were compelled to summon reinforcements.

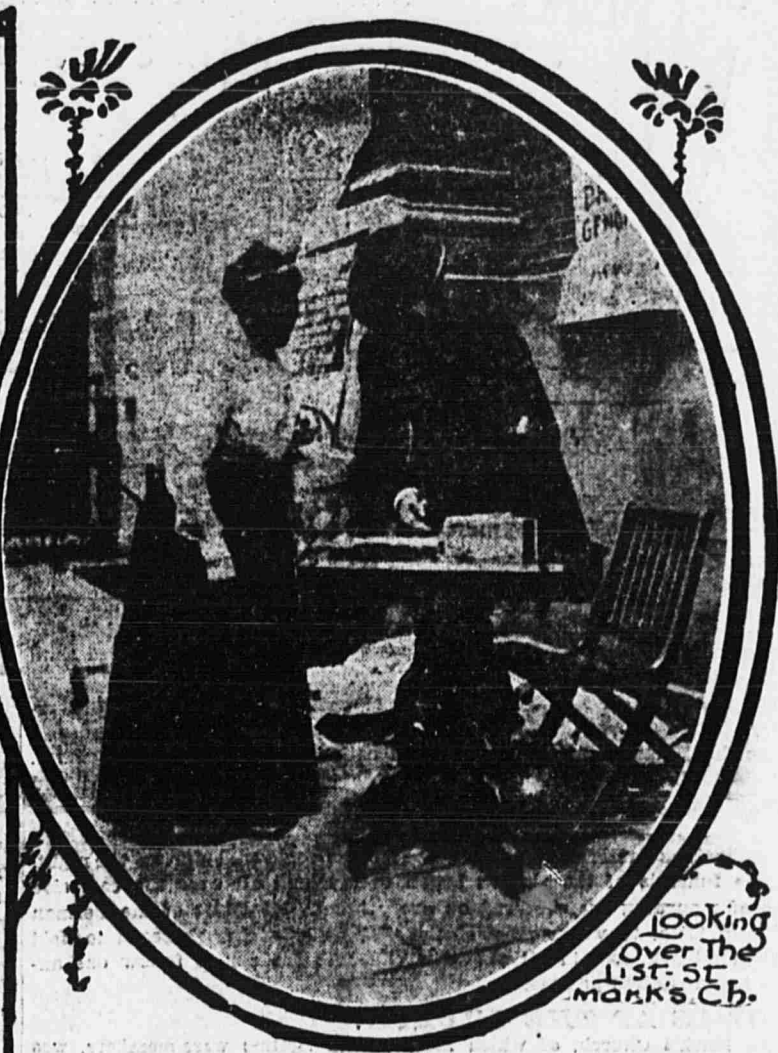
### BURIED BY ELECTRIC LIGHTS.

Throughout the afternoon in different sections of the city and in Brooklyn funerals of the victims of the disaster were held in rapid succession, and one of the saddest features of the necessary hurry in burying the hundreds of dead is the fact that dozens of families will have to conduct their funerals at night and have the bodies interred under the glare of electric lights.

The scarcity of clergymen and the conditions in which many of the bodies are necessitates the arrangement of a schedule of funerals which will extend through almost every hour of the day and night. The first night funeral will be held at 8 o'clock this evening in the home of George Henken, of No. 169 Second street, who will bury his two little girls in the Middle Village Cemetery toward midnight. The funeral services will be conducted by the Rev. Hugo Hoffman.

Sexton Hullison, of St. Mark's Church, who was ordered to dig one

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Looking Over The 137-51 Mark's Ch.

## SLOCUM'S ENGINEER LAST TO LEAVE BOAT

Evening World Finds Frank B. Conklin in Catskill—Says Neither Capt. Van Schaick Nor the Other Officers Shirked Duty or Deserve Criticism.

While various county and city officers and his employers have been searching for Chief Engineer Frank B. Conklin, of the Gen. Slocum, an Evening World reporter found him to-day in his home, in lower Broad street, Catskill, N. Y. He was much annoyed that a search had been made for him, and said he was willing and ready at any time to tell all he knew.

In one statement he is a little contrary to that of Capt. Van Schaick, each of them asserting that he was the last officer to leave the Slocum.

"I know I was the last officer to leave the boat," said Conklin. "I held the levers of the engine until she beached on the rocks. Then I turned off the steam, opened the valve, permitting the steam to escape from the boilers under the hull, and put out the fires under the boilers by playing streams of water on them. That was to prevent an explosion, which would have added to the horror."

"In my department and sticking with me to the last were my assistant engineer, Everett Brandow, who lives here in Catskill; Elbert Gaffga, of Brooklyn, an oiler; and four firemen, John Tyson, Michael Lee, Jerry Muller and Frank Salvino, all of New York City. Tyson, who was with me the last two seasons, was lost. The others have reported."

### CHIEF ENGINEER THIRTEEN YEARS.

"The Slocum would have seen thirteen years of service the middle of July. I have been chief of the Slocum right straight through from her first trip between New York and Rockaway."

"Were you on duty at the time the fire broke out?"

"I was. As chief I was always on duty while the boat was running. The Gen. Slocum left the pier at the foot of East Third street at 9.30 A. M. I think it was twenty-five minutes of 10 o'clock when the mate, Edward Flanagan, rushed up to the engine-room and shouted: 'Chief, the boat is all afire forward!'"

"I made no reply to Flanagan, but I hastily called up Engineer Brandow and ordered him to take the engine. Then I ran to take charge of the fire pump, which was right at the foot of the cylinder of the engine on the main deck."

"Not a moment was lost in getting to work, as the fire-pump always was working when the boat was under way. In an instant the greatest excitement prevailed. There were shrieks and screams, and to add to the horror, the flames and heavy smoke filled both gangways."

"Why did the burning vessel continue on her course for a mile or more?" was asked.

"I want to say," replied Conklin, "that it was utterly impossible for

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## FINDING JURY TO EXAMINE DEATH SHIP

Forty-five Experts Have Been Summoned by Coroner Berry and from Them the Men to Hold the Inquest Will Be Chosen.

## SLOCUM'S HOLD TO BE RAISED BY THE CITY

Nation, State and City Will Seek by Rigid Inquiry to Fix Definite Responsibility for the Disaster Which Cost Hundreds of Lives.

BODIES FOUND..... 539  
UNIDENTIFIED DEAD..... 43  
LIST OF MISSING..... 400

Coroner Berry this afternoon sent out summonses to forty-five of the leading experts and business men of the Bronx, from whom he will select the jury which will hold an inquest on the General Slocum disaster. He will choose especially experts in the building and equipment of steamboats, so that their verdict will be accepted by the public as reasonable and just.

Among those who have been summoned by the Coroner are George L. Seabury, manufacturer of naphtha launches; William H. MacCracken, Chancellor of the University of New York; Congressman Joseph A. Goulden, John E. Eustace, ex-Park Commissioner; Thomas Chabot, of Lyons & Chabot; John C. Heintz, of the Eichler Brewing Company; John E. Kirby, at Fortieth street and Fifth avenue; Enoch Vreeland, of the Board of Assessors; Robert Jacobs, yacht builder at City Island; ex-Judge William G. McRea, Jacob Stahl, the cigar manufacturer; Capt. Benjamin F. Perkins, secretary of the Pilots' Association, and other leading citizens of the Bronx. The Coroner is looking for some expert in fireproofing wood to occupy a chair in the jury.

Henry Lundberg, the United States Steamboat Inspector who inspected the Gen. Slocum last, appeared before Coroner Berry late this afternoon. He was asked several questions by the Coroner, but refused to answer any of them. He said he acted on the advice of his counsel, ex-Justice Mayer, and refused to answer questions on the ground that to answer would tend to incriminate him.

If there is any evidence of criminal negligence against the owners and crew of the General Slocum in the hulk of the wrecked vessel the authorities are going after it.

It has been decided to raise the wreck at the expense of the city, and the Merritt-Chapman Co. has been retained for the task. The work will be done under police protection.

Diver John Rice brought up a standpipe from the boat this afternoon. The valve showed that it had never been turned.

For thirteen years this pipe, placed on the boat for fire protection, had never held a drop of water.

Six more bodies were recovered to-day. The bodies of three boys were lying close together. There will be no difficulty in identifying one of them, for he had a club-foot

Atlantic City Jubilee. \$20.00 to Chicago and Return. Grand celebration until June 18, inclusive. Through train leaves New York 8.55 A. M. June 18 to 20, inclusive, good to return until June 21. Consult ticket agent.